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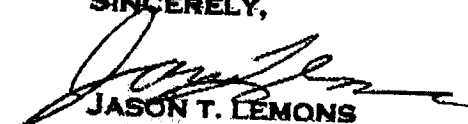
DEAR MS. HESSE,

**AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HARNETT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
AM VERY AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES GOVERNMENT FACES IN TRYING
DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH AMERICAN BUSINESSES. ONE CAUSE OF
HIGHER TAXES IS THAT TAXPAYERS ARE OFTEN RESPONSIBLE FOR
FUNDING GOVERNMENT LAWSUITS.**

**AS YOU CAN TELL, I AM OPPOSED TO HIGHER TAXES AND BELIEVE
THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD REDUCE TAXES AND SPENDING
WHENEVER POSSIBLE. THAT IS WHY I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S CASE AGAINST MICROSOFT HAD COME TO A
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN THE COURT OF JUDGE KOLLAR-KOTELLY.
THIS FEDERAL CASE HAS ALREADY COST THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS
NATION UPWARDS OF \$30 MILLION. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY!**

**I AM PLEASED THAT NORTH CAROLINA IS ONE STATE THAT
DECIDED TO SETTLE; THUS, NO FURTHER STATE FUNDS WILL BE
EXPENDED FOR THAT PURPOSE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT RESULT
REPLICATED IN AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AS WELL. THAT IS WHY I AM
URGING THAT THE JUDGE APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT IN THIS CASE. A
SETTLEMENT IS IN EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST.**

SINCERELY,


JASON T. LEMONS